



Re: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Matthew Szelag to: Brett VandenHeuvel

06/15/2012 03:00 PM

Hi Brett,

Thanks for sending these documents. I'll try and look them over prior to our meeting. I know some of the other EPA participants won't have a chance to though, so I think we would benefit from a discussion at next week's meeting.

Thanks again.

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Brett VandenHeuvel

Matthew, I've attached a few documents for y...

06/15/2012 01:48:02 PM

From: Brett VandenHeuvel <bv@columbiariverkeeper.org>
To: Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Bart Mihailovich <bart@cforjustice.org>, Chris Wilke <chris@pugetsoundkeeper.org>, Janette Brimmer <jbrimmer@earthjustice.org>, "Wendy Steffensen (wendys@re-sources.org)" <wendys@re-sources.org>
Date: 06/15/2012 01:48 PM
Subject: Re: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Matthew,

I've attached a few documents for your reference.

1. Three comment letters from Waterkeepers Washington and allies to Dept of Ecology re fish consumption and rulemaking
2. Comment letters from NWIFC and CRITFC
3. Association of Washington Business letter and Business Implementation Mechanism document

We are concerned about the proposals in the AWB letters, which we believe would greatly weaken our state's protection of water quality.

I recognize you may not have time to read these comments, so we will discuss some of these issues next week.

Best,

Brett

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On Jun 15, 2012, at 1:24 PM, Matthew Szelag wrote:

Hi Brett,
Thanks for providing the agenda, it looks good to me.

As visitors to EPA's building, you'll need to check-in on the 12th floor. We'll meet you there and go to the meeting room together.

See you Tuesday. Thanks,

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<graycol.gif>Brett VandenHeuvel ---06/15/2012 12:23:58 PM---Hi Matthew, Below is a draft agenda. Please let me know if you have any additional items.

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To: Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Chris Wilke <chris@pugetsoundkeeper.org>, "Wendy Steffensen (wendys@re-sources.org)" <wendys@re-sources.org>, Bart Mihailovich <bart@cforjustice.org>, Janette Brimmer <jbrimmer@earthjustice.org>
Date: 06/15/2012 12:23 PM
Subject: Re: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Matthew,
Below is a draft agenda. Please let me know if you have any additional items.

We look forward to meeting with you, Mike, Angela, and Adrienne, and very much appreciate your time.

Waterkeepers Washington Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 9AM to 11AM
Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave, Suite 900, Seattle
Topic: Ecology's Fish Consumption Rate and human health water quality criteria

Agenda

- Introductions
- About Waterkeepers Washington
- Discussion of EPA involvement in the Washington Fish Consumption Rates
- What we learned from the Oregon rulemaking and being on workgroup
- Discussion of current and proposed Fish Consumption Rate, importance to public
- Threats to effectiveness of Washington's water quality standards

- Off-ramps and loopholes
- Order of rulemaking
- Legislative

Waterkeepers Washington attendees

Chris Wilke, Executive Director, Puget Soundkeeper

Bart Mihailovich, Spokane Riverkeeper

Wendy Steffenson, Lead Scientist, North Sound Baykeeper

Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director, Columbia Riverkeeper

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On Jun 7, 2012, at 5:22 PM, Matthew Szelag wrote:

Hi Brett,
Thanks for the quick response. No rush in putting an agenda together, I think anytime next week is fine.

EPA attendees will be the following:
Mike Bussell, Director, Office of Water
Angela Chung, WQS Unit Manager
Matt Szelag, WQS Coordinator
Adrianne Allen, Office of Regional Counsel

Looking forward to meeting with you. Thanks,

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<graycol.gif>Brett VandenHeuvel ---06/07/2012 05:14:05 PM---Hi Matthew, I will provide an draft agenda by the end of the week. We appreciate the opportunity t

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To: Kelly Nokes <kelly@columbiariverkeeper.org>, Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/07/2012 05:14 PM
Subject: Re: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Matthew,

I will provide an draft agenda by the end of the week. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss Washington's water quality standards. Can you let me know who from EPA will attend the meeting?

We will have 5:

Chris Wilke, E.D., Puget Soundkeeper

Bart Mihailovich, Spokane Riverkeeper

Wendy Steffenson, Lead Scientist, North Sound Baykeeper

Brett VandenHeuvel, E.D., Columbia Riverkeeper

Janette Brimmer, Earthjustice

Best,

Brett

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On Jun 7, 2012, at 5:00 PM, Kelly Nokes wrote:

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From: Matthew Szelag [<mailto:Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:52 PM
To: Lauren Goldberg; 'Kelly Nokes'
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Kelly and/or Lauren,
I wanted to see if you were planning on providing an agenda for our meeting on June 19. I think it may be helpful if you could share the items you'd like to discuss with us ahead of time so we can be prepared to meet your goals for the meeting. Feel free to give me a call or email if you'd like to discuss formulating an agenda together.

Looking forward to meeting with you. Thanks,

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<graycol.gif>"Lauren Goldberg" ---05/24/2012 10:36:18 AM---Thanks Angela.
We're expecting six to seven participants at this point.

From: "Lauren Goldberg" <lauren@columbiariverkeeper.org>
To: Angela Chung/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: "'Kelly Nokes'" <kelly@columbiariverkeeper.org>, Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/24/2012 10:36 AM
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Thanks Angela. We're expecting six to seven participants at this point.

From: Angela Chung [<mailto:Chung.Angela@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 10:34 AM
To: Lauren Goldberg
Cc: 'Kelly Nokes'; Matthew Szelag
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

I forgot to ask how many participants you expect? I've reserved one of our 15th floor conference rooms but want to make sure its large enough. Thanks.

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<graycol.gif>"Lauren Goldberg" ---05/24/2012 10:31:09 AM---Angela,

From: "Lauren Goldberg" <lauren@columbiariverkeeper.org>
To: Angela Chung/R10/USEPA/US@EPA, "Kelly Nokes" <kelly@columbiariverkeeper.org>
Cc: Matthew Szlag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/24/2012 10:31 AM
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Angela,

Everyone is planning to attend in-person at the Seattle office. However, if you could arrange a conference call line as a backup (in case travel plans change at that last minute) that would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Lauren

From: Angela Chung [<mailto:Chung.Angela@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 10:16 AM
To: Kelly Nokes
Cc: 'Lauren Goldberg'; Matthew Szlag
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Kelly,

Yes, Tuesday June 19 from 9 -11 am will work for us. Will your folks participate in person and/or by phone? If in person, I'm assuming we'd meet at the EPA office in Seattle but please let me know if you have a different understanding. If you also have people joining by phone, I can provide a call-in number. Thanks.

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<graycol.gif>"Kelly Nokes" ---05/21/2012 02:57:38 PM---Hi Matthew and Angela,

From: "Kelly Nokes" <kelly@columbiariverkeeper.org>
To: Matthew Szlag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA, Angela Chung/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: "Lauren Goldberg" <lauren@columbiariverkeeper.org>
Date: 05/21/2012 02:57 PM
Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Matthew and Angela,

We would like to set up the meeting for Tuesday, June 19th from 9-11 AM, if that date and time still works for you. Please confirm.

Best regards,

Kelly

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From: Matthew Szelag [<mailto:Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 12:49 PM

To: kelly@columbiariverkeeper.org

Cc: Angela Chung; Lauren Goldberg

Subject: RE: Waterkeepers Washington Request for Meeting

Hi Kelly,

I'm following up to schedule the meeting regarding Washington's work to revise their fish consumption rate, human health criteria and implementation provisions.

Below are a few dates/times that we are currently available to meet:

Tuesday 6/19: 9-11

Wednesday 6/20: 10-12 or 1-3

Thursday 6/21: 1-3

Please let me know if any of these options work for your group. The following are planning on attending: Mike Bussell, Angela Chung, Adrienne Allen (water quality attorney), and myself.

I'm going to be out of the office for 2 weeks after today, so if we are not able to confirm a date today, please coordinate scheduling the meeting with Angela Chung (included on this email or at 206-553-6511).

Thanks,

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